

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-26 and 29-39 remain pending. In the present Office Action, a restriction requirement was presented between Group I, claims 1-26 and 29-39, and Group II, claims 27-28. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-26 and 29-39. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 27-28. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to capture the subject matter of claims 27-28. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-26 and 29-39 are in condition for allowance for the reasons indicated in the Response to Office Action filed June 3, 2009.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5760-20000/LJM.

Respectfully submitted,

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